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GILLILAND SENTENCED TO 78 MONTHS IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE

____ Buffalo, N.Y.— Paul Robert Gilliland, 43, of Buffalo, New York, who was convicted of possession of child pornography on July 7, 2007, was sentenced to 78 months by Chief United States District Judge Richard J. Arcara, United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn of the Western District of New York announced today.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles B. Wydysh, who handled the case, stated that the defendant had been convicted of possession of child pornography when he attempted to enter Canada via the Peace Bridge Port of Entry, Buffalo, New York on March 10, 2006, and a search of his tractor trailer resulted in the seizure of two laptop computers and thirty-five compact disks containing child pornography. Mr. Gilliland was arrested by Canadian authorities and subsequently turned over to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division of the Department of Homeland Security for prosecution in the United States.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Lev Kubiak.

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